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TYRONE R. HAMMONS #98223

Name, Prisoner ID #

POB: #98223

P.O. BOX 220

HOMINY, OKLAHOMA 74035

Address

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Phil Lombardi, Clerk  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

TYRONE R. HAMMONS, Plaintiff(s)  
(Full Name) INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF  
OF THOSE SIMILARLY SITUATED

v.

JAMES L. SHAFFLE, DIRECTOR Defendant(s)  
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION  
AND/OR SECESSORS

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

(To be supplied  
by the Clerk)

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT**  
PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. §1983  
(JURY DEMAND)

**A. JURISDICTION**

1) TYRONE R. HAMMONS is a citizen of OKLAHOMA  
(Plaintiff) (State)

who presently resides at D.C.C.C. BOX 220, HOMINY, OKLAHOMA 74035  
(mailing address or place of confinement)

2) Defendant JAMES L. SHAFFLE is a citizen of  
(Name of first defendant)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

and is employed  
(City, State)

as DIRECTOR OKLAHOMA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS. At the time the claim(s)  
(Position and title, if any)

alleged in this complaint arose, was this defendant acting under the color of state law?

Yes ☒ No ☐ If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain:

AT ALL RELEVANT TIMES THIS DEFENDANT HAD A DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE  
THAT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE  
REASONABLE ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATION TO THE EXERCISE OF PLAINTIFF'S RELIGIOUS  
BELIEF.

3) Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ is a citizen of  
(Name of second defendant)

\_\_\_\_\_, and is empl  
(City, State)

as \_\_\_\_\_ At the time the claim(s)  
 (Position and title, if any)  
 alleged in this complaint arose, was this defendant acting under the color of state  
 law? Yes ☐ No ☐. If your answer is "Yes", briefly explain:

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[You may attach one additional page (8½" x 11") to furnish the above information for additional defendants.]

## B. JURISDICTION

- 1) Jurisdiction is asserted pursuant to: (Check one)  
☒ 42 U.S.C. §1983 (applies to state prisoners)  
☐ *Bivens v Six Unknown Named Agents of Fed. Bureau of Narcotics*.  
 403 U.S. 388 (1971) and 28 U.S.C. §1331 (applies to fed. prisoners)
- 2) Jurisdiction also invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1343(a)(3). (If you wish  
 to assert jurisdiction under different or additional statutes, you may list them below.)  
28 USC 1343 (A)(4), 28 USC 1651, 28 USC 2201 and 2202, 42 USC 1997(e)

## C. NATURE OF CASE

- 1) Briefly state the background of your case. THIS CASE INVOLVE MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT  
TO FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION AND WHETHER THE DEFENDANT'S PRIOR BAN ON ALL  
RELIGIOUS OILS WAS CONSTITUTIONAL. ON OR ABOUT THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September  
1999, THE D.C.C.C. MAIL REFUSED TO ALLOW MUSLIM RELIGIOUS OILS TO BE EITHER  
RECEIVED OR DELIVERED. SUCH MUSLIM RELIGIOUS OILS ARE RELIGION ICONS THE EQUIVALENT  
OF CHRISTIAN CROSS, SUNDAY ( CHRISTIAN SABBATH), AND OR THE CROSS CRUCIFIX AND  
FOR THAT REASON, THE MUSLIM RELIGIOUS OILS CANNOT BE CLASSIFIED AS PROPERTY.

## D. CAUSE OF ACTION

- 1) I allege that the following of my constitutional rights, privileges or immunities have  
 been violated and that the following facts form the basis for my allegations: [If  
 necessary, you may attach up to two additional pages (8½" x 11") to explain any  
 allegation or to list additional supporting facts.]

A(1) Count I: \_\_\_\_\_

FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION VIOLATION. FIRST AMENDMENT, U.S.C.

A(2) Supporting Facts: (Include all facts you consider important, including  
 names of persons involved, places and dates. Describe exactly how  
 each defendant is involved. State the facts clearly in your own words  
 without citing legal authority or argument.) AT ALL RELEVANT TIMES THE USE OF  
RELIGIOUS OILS WAS AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY MUSLIM FAITH, AND REMAIN TO BE.  
(SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT). THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION'S FIRST AMENDMENT  
GUARANTEES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE 14th AMENDMENT GUARANTEES THAT PROTECTION  
AND NO PERSON SHALL BE DENIED THAT RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

B(1) Count II: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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B(2) Supporting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

C(1) Count III: \_\_\_\_\_

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C(2) Supporting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**E. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF**

- 1) Have you begun other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action or otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

Yes ☐ No ☒ If your answer is "Yes", describe each lawsuit. [If there is more than one lawsuit, describe this each additional lawsuit using the same format on a blank sheet of paper which you should label "E. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS AND ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF."]

a) Parties to previous lawsuit:

Plaintiffs: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Defendants: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name and Location of Court and docket number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

c) Disposition (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

d) Issues raised \_\_\_\_\_

e) Approximate date of filing lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_

f) Approximate date of disposition \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) I have previously sought informal or formal relief from the appropriate administrative officials regarding the acts complained of in Part D. Yes ☒ No ☐. If your answer is "Yes", briefly describe how relief was sought and the results. If your answer is "No", briefly explain why administrative relief was not sought.

ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF VIA DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES IS FUTILE, AND TO NO AVAIL.  
SEE ATTACHED PROOF OF ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF.

- 3) I have exhausted available administrative remedies Yes ☒ No ☐. If your answer is "Yes" briefly explain the steps taken. Attach proof of exhaustion. If your answer is "No" briefly explain why administrative remedies were not exhausted.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR PROOF

## F. PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED ACTIONS OR APPEALS

- 1) If you are proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §1915, please list each civil action or appeal you have brought in a court of the United States, while you were incarcerated or detained in any facility, that was dismissed as frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. Please describe each civil action or appeal. [If there is more than one civil action or appeal, describe the additional civil actions or appeals using this same format on a blank sheet of paper which you should label "F. PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED ACTIONS OR APPEALS."]

a. Parties to previous lawsuit:  
Plaintiffs: \_\_\_\_\_

Defendants: \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name and Location of Court and docket number \_\_\_\_\_

- c) Grounds for dismissal: [ ] frivolous [ ] malicious [ ] failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- d) Approximate date of filing lawsuit \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Approximate date of disposition \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Are you in imminent danger of serious physical injury? ☒ Yes No ☐. If your answer is "Yes" please describe the facts in detail below without citing legal authority or argument. DEPRIVATION OF MY RELIGION (SEE COUNT ONE) AND ADMINISTRATIVE

RETALIATION AT D.C.C.C. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HAS WAYS OF RETALIATING AGAINST THOSE INMATES THAT TEND TO FILE CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST THEM. BY WAY OF TRANSFERRING THOSE INMATES TO HIGHER SECURITY AND BY THEIR INFLUENCE ON OTHER INMATES TO CARRY OUT THEIR WISHES.

G. **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

- 1) I believe that I am entitled to the following relief: DECLARATORY RELIEF THAT MY RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED. DAMAGES AND OR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR THE DEFENDANT TO STOP VIOLATING MY RIGHTS; AND FOR THE DEFENDANT TO PAY THE COST AND FEES FOR BRINGING THIS ACTION.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 AGAINST THE DEFENDANT TO PERVENT FUTURE VIOLATIONS.

Original Signature of Attorney (if any)

Tyrone R. Hammons  
Original Signature of Petitioner

TYRONE R. HAMMONS #98223  
P.O. BOX 220  
HOMINY, OKLAHOMA 74035

Attorney's full address and telephone number

**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

The undersigned declares (or certifies, verifies, or states) under penalty of perjury that he is the plaintiff in the above action, that he has read the above complaint and that the information contained therein is true and correct. 28 U.S.C. §1746. 18 U.S.C. §1621.

Executed at D.C.C.C. HOMINY OKLAHOMA. on 2-2-2000  
(Location) (Date)

Tyrone R. Hammons  
(Original Signature of Prisoner)

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CONTINUE SUPPLEMENTING FACTS

AT ALL RELEVANT TIMES, PRIOR TO AND UP UNTIL THE DEFENDANT'S DIRECTION, MUSLIM INMATES WERE PERMITTED TO PURCHASE PRAYER OILS FROM AN OUTSIDE VENDOR AND PRODUCE RELIGIOUS OILS WITH LIMITATIONS AT DICK CONNER CORRECTIONAL CENTER. D.C.C.C. IT IS ALLEGED HERE THAT ON THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 1999 WHEN THE D.C.C. MAIL ROOM FAILED AND REFUSED TO RELEASE FOR DELIVERY THE MUSLIM RELIGIOUS OILS VIOLATED THE ABOVE POINTED OUT UNITED STATES AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

AT ALL RELEVANT TIMES ANY RESTRICTIONS OF THE RELIGIOUS OILS ACTIVITY WERE TO BE THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE MEANS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THAT INTEREST AT D.C.C.C. ON AND ABOUT THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 1999, THE DEFENDANT ISSUED HIS ORDER FOR TOTAL BAN ON PRAYER OILS AT THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITIES, WHERE THE RELIGIOUS OILS ACTIVITIES ARE DENIED WITHOUT PREPARING, IN WRITING, THE SPECIFIC REASONS SUPPORTING THE DENIAL AT THE D.C.C.C. SEE OP-030112, effective 8-29-69.

THE DEFENDANT'S HAVE BEEN PRESENTED ALL THE FACTS CONCERNING THE RELIGIOUS OILS, INCLUDING WHAT IS SAID IN THE MUSLIM HOLY BOOK, THE QURAN; WHAT IS SAID BY OUR HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON HIM) IN THE BOOKS CALLED THE HADITH; WHAT THE FEDERAL COURTS SAID PERTAINING TO THIS SAME ISSUE CONCERNING THE BAN ON RELIGIOUS OILS AS STATED IN MUNIR V. SCOTT, (SEE ATTACHMENT WITH ALL THE FACTS AND SUPPORTING AUTHORITY, THE DEFENDANT'S DELIBERATELY VIOLATED THE PLAINTIFF'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PRACTICE HIS RELIGION AS IS INSTRUCTED BY HIS HOLY PROPHET.

THUS, THIS COURT HAS THE FOLLOWING ISSUE TO DECIDE WHETHER ISLAMIC/MUSLIM OILS ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THEIR RELIGION, AND ITS PRACTICE. IF SO, THEN THE TOTAL BAN ON THE USE OF RELIGIOUS OILS BY THE MUSLIMS VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PLAINTIFF'S, AND THAT THE PLAINTIFF IS ENTITLED TO JUDGMENT IN HIS FAVOR AS A MATTER OF LAW UNDER TITLE 42 U.S.C. Section.1983.

State of Oklahoma

County of Osage

ss.

## SWORN AFFIDAVIT

I, Tyrone Hammons, DCCC, Box 220, Hominy, Oklahoma 74035, The affiant, do solemnly swear on my oath, that I give this Sworn statement of my own free will, and I, being of sound mind do stat, to wit:

I am competent to testify to material facts within my own knowledge admissable into evidence.

That I am a sincere adherent to the religion of Islam. That the use of oils by Muslims is an important part of my religious faith. The Hadith along with the Quran a primary source for Islam is the source of the instructions to Muslims to use oils during prayer.

The Hadith contain sayings of the Prophet Muhammed. According to Muhammed in the Hadith, a Muslim is required to prepare himself for prayer by bathing, wearing his best clothes, and using his best oils. Bathing alone is not sufficient.

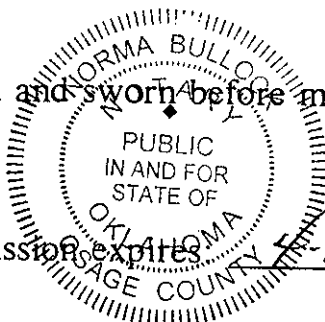
Oils are a significant part of Islam . . . . .

Oils are routinely used in prayer services by Muslims in free society.

Anything further, affiant sayeth not.

Tyrone R. Hammons  
affiant

Subscribed and sworn before me this 2 Day Feb, 2000



Norma Bullock  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires 2-21-2001



## REQUEST TO STAFF

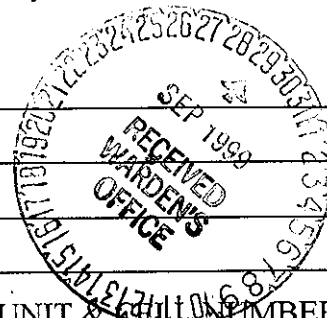
TO: Chaplain Lincks  
(NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER)FACILITY: D.C.C.C.DATE: 8-24-99Have you previously submitted a "Request to Staff" or grievance on this same issue? Yes If yes, what date  
7-1-99, facility D.C.C.C., grievance # \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** State completely, but briefly, the problem on which you desire assistance. This statement must be specific as to the complaint, dates, places, personnel involved, and how you were affected. One issue or incident per "Request to Staff." Your failure to specifically state your problem may result in this being returned unanswered.

In My First Request To you Concerning The Islamic Communities desire To Order Oils To be Used by its Members And Our Guest, you Stated The Oils Where No longer Allowed. We find THAT, That is Not The Case. According To A Request of Staff We Received From The Warden, That All Inmates Are Allowed To Order Muslim Oils.

Since We Use Our Oils For Religious Purpose, We ARE Allowed  
(USE OTHER SIDE IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED) "Over"

**ACTION REQUESTED:** State exactly how you believe your request may be handled; that is, what exactly should be done and how.

NAME: Tyrone Hammons NUMBER: 98223 UNIT & CELL NUMBER: Q-211

(PRINT)

SIGNATURE: Tyrone Hammons WORK ASSIGNMENT: Kitchen

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

DISPOSITION:

Mr. Hammons,  
I checked with the Warden's office about a request to Staff sent to her. None was found for the recent past. If you have one - I will review it in light of your request. But as it stands at the present - religious oils are not allowed.

OFFICER

Chaplain Lincks

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REVIEW

DATE

9-17-99



The Warden stated that OP-030112-03 titled Religious Programs, rescinded both addendums 01 and 02 which allowed for the purchase of Oils. It only stands to reason that she had misinformation concerning religious oils that are used by the muslims. Please refer to OP--30112-01 & 02 and you will see that no mention of Religious Oils period. So how can she make such a claim that OP-030112-03 rescinded Addendums 01 and 02 when the oils never existed in Addendums 01 and 02. This is a direct violation of my constitutional right to freedom of religion.

Total ban on the use of Religious Oils/prayer oils by the muslims violates the Constitutional Rights of the Muslims to practice their religion. See *Munir v. Scott*, 792 F. Supp. 1479 (E.D. Mich. 1992) Reversed 12 F.3d 213 (6th Cir. 1993) Certiorari denied 114 S.Ct. 2149, 511 U.S. 1134, 128 L.Ed. 2d 876 (1994).

As muslims we are commanded by Allah (God) to follow our Holy Prophet in all aspects of life and affairs. In Sura 33:36 God tells us: "IT IS NOT FITTING FOR A BELIEVER, MAN OR WOMAN WHEN A MATTER HAS BEEN DECIDED BY GOD AND HIS MESSENGER TO HAVE A OPTION ABOUT THEIR DECISION. IF ANY ONE DISOBEYS GOD AND HIS MESSENGER HE IS INDEED ON A CLEAR WRONG PATH."

Allah tells us in Sura 5:7 " O YE WHO BELIEVE, WHEN YE PREPARE FOR PRAYER WASH YOUR FACES AND YOUR HANDS AND ARMS TO THE ELBOW, RUB YOUR HEADS WITH WATER AND WASH YOUR FEET TO THE ANKLES."

Our Holy prophet then gives us the essential practice in which he stated in the Hadith: IT IS THE RIGHT OF ALLAH UPON EVERY MUSLIM THAT HE SHOULD TAKE A BATH ON FRIDAY JUMAH SERVICE AND HE SHOULD APPLY TO ONESELF, PERFUME OR OILS WHICH IS AVAILABLE. (SAHIH MUSLIM) Vol. 2 page 403.

JABIR HEARD THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH (S.A.W.S.) SAYING, THE KEY TO PARADISE IS PRAYER, AND THE KEY TO PRAYER IS CLEANLINESS ( ABLUTION, THE WASHING BEFORE PRAYER AND THE APPLYING OF PERFUME OR OILS WHICH EVER IS AVAILABLE).

ABU AYYUB REPORTED ALLAH'S MESSENGER (S.A.W.S.) HAVING SAID. \* FOUR OUR THE CHARACTERISTICS (WHICH MAY BE CALLED) THE SUNAN OF THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH ( THE PRACTICE ). THE FOUR CHARACTERISTICS ARE (1) MODESTY, BUT SOME SAY CIRCUMCISION, (2) THE USE OF PERFUME OR OILS, (3) MISWAK AND (4) MARRIAGE. 382 Tirmidhi.

To deny the muslims the essential practice of their religion by the banning of religion oils is a direct violation of my constitutional right to freedom of religion. See *Munir v. State*, supra.

Also it should be noted that oils have been allowed into the State Prison and the Department of Correctional Centers for a long period of time without a problem and it has never been listed in OP-030112 Addendums 01 and 02 therefore the muslims are being discriminated against by the the Department of Correction and this Administration and a direct violation upon my Constitutional Right.

Muslims should be allowed to continue ordering Religious oils because it is a essential requirement of the islamic faith, The Federal and Supreme court seem's to think so.

## Grievance Response from Reviewing Authority

Offender Name: TYRONE HAMMONS

DOC Number: 098223

Receipt Date: 9-29-99

Grievance Category Code: 9

Grievance Number: DCCG-99-110

## Response:

Mr. Hammons:

OP-030112-03, titled "Religious Programs," dated 5-10-99, rescinded both Addendums 01 and 02 which allowed for the purchase of these oils. As of the date of this policy (5-10-99), these oils are no longer allowed. Any response contrary to this was in error.

RELIEF DENIED.

Reviewing Authority - Facility Health Services Administrator

Warden

Reviewing Authority - Facility Head

I have received the original of the response and all paperwork submitted to the reviewing authority.

Signature of Grievant

Date

10-12-99

I have received the original of the response and all paperwork submitted to the reviewing authority.

Date

10-07-99

You may appeal to the director or medical director or designee at Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 11400, Oklahoma City, OK 73136-0400, within 10 calendar days of receipt of response.

I wish to appeal the reviewing authority's or facility health services administrator's response to the grievance on the following ground(s) only (use back side of this page, if necessary):

☐ Newly discovered/available evidence not considered by the reviewing authority to the issue, necessary for a proper decision, and why the evidence was not previously available which is considered may alter the decision (you must clearly state the newly discovered/available evidence).

☒ Probable error committed by the reviewing authority in the decision such as would be grounds for reversal (you must clearly state the error committed by the reviewing authority, including citing the part of procedures or statutes not followed by the reviewing authority).

I understand that in accordance with OP-090124, I will be charged \$2 to appeal a grievance to the director or medical deputy director (or designee), and that this form is also a request for reimbursement of funds from my trust fund draw account. If I do not have enough funds to cover this cost, the amount will be collected as soon as funds become available.

Signature of Grievant

CST 1-8-1999

Date

10-18-99

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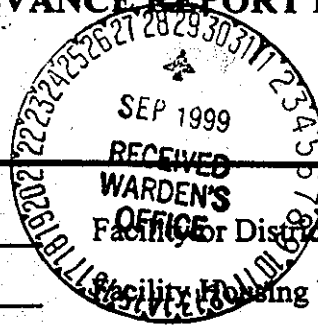
## INMATE/OFFENDER GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM

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 date 11/16  
 code 9  
99-1707

 date \_\_\_\_\_  
 code \_\_\_\_\_  
 no. \_\_\_\_\_

b. WRITE OR STAMP ABOVE THIS LINE

Date 9-27-99Name TYRONE HAMMONS  
(Print)DOC Number 98203 Race B Male ☒ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Facility Work Detail Kitchen

Have you previously submitted a grievance on this same issue? NO If yes, what date \_\_\_\_\_, facility \_\_\_\_\_, grievance # \_\_\_\_\_. You must submit this completed original within 15 calendar days of the incident or the receipt of an answer to your "Request to Staff." The "Request to Staff" must have been submitted within 7 calendar days of the incident. Do not include/attach anything to this grievance except the original "Request to Staff" including the response. You may quote from or make reference to statutes, operations, field, or administrative memoranda, department publications (time sheets, inventory forms, assessments), etc.

1. The nature of your complaint. This statement must be specific as to the complaint, dates, places, personnel involved, and how you were affected. One issue or incident per grievance. Use back side of this page, if necessary. The Islamic Community is being denied The Purchase of Muslim Oils To be used in Their Religious Practice. The Chaplain Has been Prejudice Towards The Islamic Community, its belief, AND Practice, AND Has denied us every Request concerning Religious matters AND The purchase of Muslim Oils To be used by our Community.

"Over"

2. Informal action taken (including dates) to resolve the complaint, as well as the names of those employees from whom you sought an answer to your grievance. I TALKED TO THE CHAPLAIN & THE Property Room SUPERVISOR, SHOWING THEM YOUR Respose CONCERNING Oils But To No Avail

3. The action you believe the reviewing authority may lawfully take. THAT THE Islamic Community Be Allowed To Purchase Religious Oils. Also THAT A memo be sent TO THE Chaplain Kinicks AND The Property Room SUPERVISOR THAT All INMATES ARE Allowed To Purchase Religious Oils & We Would like a copy OF THAT MEMO FOR OUR Record

I understand that in accordance with OP-090124, I will be charged \$2 to submit a grievance to the director or medical deputy director (or designee), and that this form is also a request for disbursement of funds from my trust fund draw account. If I do not have enough funds to cover this cost, the amount will be collected as soon as funds become available.

Grievance report sent to (warden/district supervisor):

Ms. D. Mahaffey  
 NAME

WARDEN  
 TITLE

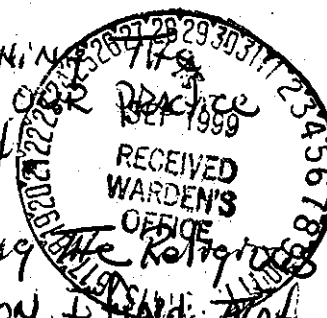
Tyrone Hammons  
 Signature of Grievant

9-27-99  
 Date Sent to Reviewing Authority

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A Request of staff was submitted to the Chaplain concerning the Islamic Community desire to purchase oils to be used in our practice of the Religion of Al-Islam, which is a essential Requirement.



The Islamic Community Received A Respose From you concerning the oils dated 8-19-99 stating "MR. May, After investigation, I find that All INMates ARE Allowed to purchase The Oils to which you Refer. The fact THAT you use YOUR Oils FOR Religious Purposes, does NOT MEAN THAT OTHERS CANNOT use THEIR Oils FOR Hygienic Purposes. Therefore All INMates Will be Allowed To Continue ORDERING The Oils."

This Request of staff, from you was showned to Chaplain Lincks AND He stated THAT you did NOT KNOW what you where TALKING About, THAT you HAD BEEN MISINFORMED. He THEN Photo Copied THAT Respose of YOURS AND RATHER THAN coming To you FOR Clarification, He goes To THE Property Room SUPERVISOR AND TELLs Him THAT SINCE THE Religious Oils where NOT ON THE Property Metrix THAT He Needed To stop THE income of Religious Oils. AS OF 9-24-99 They have stoped THE Muslims & INMates FROM PURCHASING OR RECEIVING Religious Oils, CONTRARY TO YOUR Recent decision.

It must be Noted THAT Islamic Oils ARE Essential To THE Practice of our Religion. AS STATED By our Holy Prophet MUHAMMAD (Peace be upon Him) Fit is The Right of Allah (God) upon every Muslim That he should Take A bath on Friday Jumah Service AND should Apply To Oneself, Perfume OR Oils Which is Available Page 403 Vol. 2 SAHIH Muslim. When A muslim Prepares for His 5 daily Prayer, all muslims must WASH Themselves AND Apply To himself, Perfume OR Oils. This is A essential Requirement of our Religion. To deny us THE purchase of Religious Oils is A direct INfringment upon our Religious Practice. THE Chaplain HAS NOT TAKEN our Religious Practice Serious, THEREFORE He HAS BEEN Prejudice Towards THE Islamic Community AND its belief, Which is A violation of our Constitutional Right, THE Freedom of Religion.

We ASK THAT you look INTO THIS matter AND THAT THE Muslims Community be Allowed To purchase oils FOR our Community, AND THAT A Memo be sent To Property stating THAT Islamic Oil is a Al-halal.

JAMES L. SAFFLE  
DIRECTOR



FRANK KEATING  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

November 16, 1999

Tyrone Hammons #98223  
Dick Conner Correctional Center  
P. O. Box 220  
Hominy, Oklahoma 74035

Re: 99-1707; DCCC 99-110  
Subj: 9; Religion

Dear Mr. Hammons:

Your grievance and appeal of the warden's response have been reviewed. Addendum 01 to OP-030112 entitled Religious Programs does list Oils/Perfumes as allowable religious items. But as noted by Warden Mahaffey in her grievance response dated October 7, 1999, Addendum 03 rescinded both Addendums 01 and 02, and Oils/Perfumes are no longer allowed.

Procedures were applied appropriately. Warden Mahaffey accurately and sufficiently responded to your complaint, and relief is denied.

Sincerely,

*Dolores Ramsey 11/16/99*

Dolores Ramsey  
Designee for the Director

/LS

cc: Debbie Mahaffey, Warden, Dick Conner Correctional Center



## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Tyrone R. HAMMONS, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument to which this certificate is attached, was served upon the following and below named, by placing the same in a sealed, postage-paid envelope and deposited in the United States mails, recorded at the Dick Conner Correctional Center, Box 220, Hominy, Oklahoma, 74035, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb., 2000

James L. Saffle, Director  
000C P.O. Box 11408  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.  
73136-0400

X Tyrone R. Hammons



